

REMARKS

The Election/Restriction Requirement mailed April 22, 2004 alleged two patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species I, drawn to FIG. 1; and

Species II, drawn to FIG. 8.

The Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute species II, drawn to FIG. 8. The claims readable thereon are 32; 39-41; 43, 45-48, 50-52 and 54-56, as variously amended herewith. These claims are directed to the "tail" embodiment of the claimed subject matter. The Applicants hereby cancel claims 1-31, 33-38, 42, 44, 49 and 53.

Request for One Month Extension of Time Under 37 CFR §1.136(a)

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a), Applicants respectfully request a one month extension of time from May 22 to June 22, 2004 to respond to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed April 22, 2004. This communication constitutes authority to charge the Gesmer Updegrove Deposit Account Number 122-315 for the fee required by 37 CFR §1.17(a)(1).

Should any questions arise concerning this Response, or the above-identified application, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned.

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